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Security Information

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
for Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Collection of Scientific Intelligence
from Overt Sources Abroad

1. In pursuance of the exchange of letters between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Special Assistant to the Secretary for Intelligence, Department of State (attached hereto as TAB A), discussions have been held by the appropriate offices within CIA and the Department of State.

2. As a result there has been prepared a paper entitled "Understandings Between the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency Regarding the Collection of Scientific Intelligence" (TAB B). It should be pointed out that this understanding is in no sense an attempt to catalog all of the recognized responsibilities of the Department of State, but is rather directed at matters which are in need of clarification. It is not believed necessary for this document to be approved by the DCI or the Special Assistant unless there is some change which either wishes to make and therefore is submitted for your information.

3. In addition there is attached (TAB C) a staff paper dealing with the coordination in the Missions abroad of the activities of agencies having resources or responsibilities to collect scientific intelligence. This paper recommends (a) the issuance of an instruction from the Department of State to the Chiefs of Mission; (b) the transmittal of a letter from the DCI to the Secretary of State, to be used as an enclosure to (c) a letter from the Secretary of State to the IAC and non-IAC agencies who have representatives abroad concerned with scientific matters.

4. No additional formal report is believed necessary at this time on this problem. Informal discussions will continue, however, with respect to working out day-to-day problems relating to the responsiveness of the Foreign Service to scientific requirements falling within the general reporting functions of the State Department.

5. This has been concurred in by the Office of the Science Advisor, State, the Intelligence Acquisition and Distribution Division, State, the Assistant Directors for Operations and Scientific Intelligence, CIA, and the Deputy Director, Plans, CIA.

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